

## MINUTES ADOPTED BY CITY COUNCIL

Greenville, NC  
May 8, 2006

The Greenville City Council met in a regular meeting on the above date at 6:00 PM in the City Council Chambers, third floor of the Municipal Building, with Mayor Pro-Tem Mildred A. Council presiding. The meeting was called to order, followed by the invocation by Council Member Chip Little and the pledge of allegiance to the flag. The following were present.

Mayor Pro-Tem Mildred A. Council  
Council Member Ray Craft  
Council Member Pat Dunn  
Council Member Rose H. Glover  
Council Member Chip Little  
Council Member Larry Spell  
Wayne Bowers, City Manager  
Wanda T. Elks, City Clerk  
David A. Holec, City Attorney

ABSENT: Mayor Robert D. Parrott

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Council Member Little to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED

Motion was made by Council Member Dunn and seconded by Council Member Spell to approve the items under the consent agenda as listed below. Motion carried unanimously.

- (1) Minutes from the March 9, March 27, April 10, and April 13, 2006 City Council meetings
- (2) Various tax refunds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ricky & Pennie Streeter	Refund half of taxes due to Pennie's Military Home-of-Record is Texas. Vehicle charged in City limits in error.	\$121.80
Carolyn F. Ervin	Prorate taxes on vehicle	\$104.29
Financial Services E. Trust	Prorate taxes on vehicle	\$154.74
- (3) Request by Teresa Sallé for approval of a fireworks display on June 13, 2006
- (4) Accept Blue Print for Peace Area Gang Violence Prevention Grant
- (5) Accept Project Unity Area Gang Violence Prevention Grant

## PRESENTATIONS BY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

### Planning and Zoning Commission

Mr. Len Tozer, Vice Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission presented a report to the City Council of business conducted by the Commission during the last 16-month period. Consideration has been given to 61 rezoning requests (totaling 1532 acres), 33 preliminary plats (1262 acres/2634 lots), one land use plan amendment (involving 15 acres), one Greenway Master Plan amendment, one land use intensity (dormitory containing 600 multi-family units), and 18 zoning and subdivision amendments. The Commission is in the process of reconsidering the recreation and open space ordinance and the 264 corridor overlay amendment. The Commission also recommended the West Greenville and Center City Revitalization Plan to the City Council. The members of the Commission were named.

Mayor Pro—Tem Council thanked Mr. Tozer for his service to the City of Greenville.

### APPROVAL OF DESIGN FOR CITY FLAG - APPROVED

City Manager Bowers stated that the national and state flags are currently displayed at City facilities. Upon selection of a design by City Council, a City flag will be ordered for the new City Hall and other facilities to be hung with the other two flags.

Assistant City Manager Thom Moton presented two options for a City flag and stated that suggestions from Council Members are welcome. One of the options was a staff design, which was the City seal on a white background. The second option, which was recommended by Council Member Spell, was the City seal on a blue and green background, with green being above and below a strip of blue to symbolize the Tar River separating the north and south side of the city. Quotes from three vendors (Carrot-Top, Dixie Flag, and Conder Flag) were presented to Council for their information.

Council Member Craft suggested that a cheaper price could possibly be obtained, and Assistant City Manager Moton stated that he would get with Council Member Craft regarding the pricing.

Motion was made by Council Member Little and seconded by Council Member Dunn to approve Version 2 (blue-green background with City seal) as the design for the City flag and for staff to finalize pricing and move forward. Motion carried unanimously.

### REVIEW OF MAY 11, 2006 CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

The Council did a cursory review of the items on the May 11, 2006 City Council Meeting agenda and reviewed the appointments to Boards and Commissions.

Council Member Dunn made a motion that the City Manager talk with University representatives to formulate a task force to come up with strategies for reducing underage drinking and to provide alternatives in the uptown area and that this be added as an item on the May 11, 2006 agenda. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Council and carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Council Member Glover and seconded by Council Member Spell to add an item to the agenda as follows: receive a presentation from an East Carolina University student to present a program for the City to consider supporting for a summer enrichment program for West Greenville, a summer camp for youth in West Greenville. Motion carried unanimously.

#### COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Spell passed around pictures of violations in the Tar River Neighborhood such as debris on the lawns and tables set up on the lawns. The City needs to add more enforcement for these types of ordinances.

Council Member Glover asked the City Manager or City Attorney to check into whether police officers can do anything about people throwing trash in the street, because she has been told that they cannot.

Council Member Dunn recognized the Community Appearance Commission Award winners—Evans Park at 625 W. Arlington Boulevard, Carolina House at 2715 Dickinson Avenue, and First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Council Member Glover requested that the City Manager and City Attorney look into having stricter codes about the parties in the neighborhoods and what authority the Police Department has on weekends to do something about it. The Police Department needs to have some guidance on what they can do on weekends. The City should consider sending the citation to the landlord, as well.

City Attorney Holec stated that the Police Department can issue citations. The City Manager and City Attorney will look into this and give Council some options.

Council Member Dunn asked if planning staff is going to come back with a corridor overlay.

City Manager Bowers responded that the plan is to bring it back to Council. At the first workshop, staff asked for comments and they were provided. Staff will bring back a written recommendation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Council stated that the Boys and Girls Club will have a groundbreaking behind Peaden's Grill north of the river on Wednesday, May 10, at 4:00 p.m.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

##### May 16, 2006 Joint City Council/Greenville Utilities Commission Meeting

City Manager Bowers stated that the Joint City/GUC Pay and Benefits Committee recommended a joint meeting of the two governing bodies on May 16 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Council Member Little and seconded by Council Member Spell to schedule a joint City Council and Greenville Utilities Commission meeting on May 16, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Greenville Utilities Commission Board Room. Motion carried unanimously.

Other

City Manager Bowers stated that Christopher Taylor submitted a letter regarding creation of a Youth Advisory Committee. He provided the Council with a letter from Mr. Taylor that read as follows:

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Christopher Taylor

May 8, 2006

Mr. Wayne Bowers  
City Manager  
201 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive  
Greenville, NC 27834

Re: Youth Advisory Committee

Dear Mr. Bowers:

This communication is to provide the City Council an outline and role of a prospective Youth Advisory Committee. On last week I, Christopher Taylor, spoke with you about placing on the City Council's May agenda a Youth Advisory Committee. You ask (sic) me to provide you with information about my idea of a Youth Advisory Committee; whereas, you would make it a part of your comments during the City Council meeting. Attached you will find a description of what can be an effective Youth Advisory Committee.

I thank you for considering the proposed Youth Advisory Committee and look forward to your diligence and cooperation in addressing this matter.

With best regards, I am.

Sincerely,

Christopher Taylor  
Youth Advocate

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Attachment

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### **Proposed Youth Advisory Committee**

The role of the Youth Advisory Committee will be to address the concerns of our city's youth and advise the City Council on policies and/or programs that will be in the best interest of our youth. The Youth Advisory Committee will address such topics as community involvement, drug and alcohol prevention, the future of our youth, the current needs of our youth, and the quality of life for our youth. The Youth Advisory Committee will also be involved in the political process, as it pertains to promoting an agenda for our youth.

The Youth Advisory Committee should be comprised of adult citizens from each of our Districts, of various disciplines, who are culturally aware and sensitive to the aspirations of youth around our communities.

The Committee should meet once a month at different locations within the City in order to be familiarized with various issues that impact our communities.

The Youth Advisory Committee will:

- Encourage and empower youth to speak about their concerns and issues.
- Provide a forum for members to exchange ideas with our city's youth and groups serving them
- Receive advice on how to better address the needs of our youth
- Identify emerging trends in the health and rights affecting our youth
- Ensure that rights of our youth are recognized in all development efforts
- Be actively involved in following bills and laws that will impact our youth and submit written and/or oral testimony on these bills
- Design and use a survey instrument to collect data related to a need in the community

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Motion was made by Council Member Glover and seconded by Council Member Spell to add “Consideration of Youth Advisory Committee” on the agenda for May 11. Motion carried unanimously.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Motion was made by Council Member Spell and seconded by Council Member Dunn to go into closed session (1) to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, said law rendering the information as privileged or confidential being the Open Meetings Law (2) to establish or to instruct the public body's staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the price and other material terms of a contract or proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase, option, exchange, or lease. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Craft and seconded by Council Member Little to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Council Member Spell and seconded by Council Member Dunn to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda T. Elks, MMC  
City Clerk